enhanced amount of Rs. 180 crore has been allocated for 2005-06 for expenditure under various Plan Schemes of the Ministry.

Clinical trial on AIDS vaccine

2111. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pune based National AIDS Research Institute has embarked upon the India's first ever clinical trial on humans for an AIDS vaccine;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the TRC is awaiting official communication from the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee to launch the trials; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. Trial of AIDS vaccine has been launched on 7th February, 2005 at National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune on human volunteers.

The Adeno Associated Viral vaccine (AAV) is a candidate vaccine, which is under going Phase-I trial.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. TRC, Chennai has already received clearance for carrying out Phase I clinical trial MVA based HIV vaccine candidate from the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee by the end of June, 2005.

National Commission on Macro Economics and Health

2112. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Macro Economics and Health, set up to assess the means to ensure that the poor get free treatment, has submitted its report recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the major recommendations made by the commission and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

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